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Block Quotes

Monday, October 2, 2006

-- Ghassan Suliman Al-Otaibi commented in progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas under the title "Islamic Vatican" (10/2):

"If the Vatican state is the focus of Christians worldwide, then which state is the focus of Muslims? The existence of an Islamic state with religious authority on all matters pertaining to religion big and small is a good idea. I see Mecca and Medina as the two nominees for an Islamic state in our time."

-- "How Can Arab and Islamic Countries Solve the Palestinians' Financial Crisis?" was the title of Faisal Mahmoud Modwah's piece in progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas in which he editorialized (10/2):

"Arab and Muslim nations should withdraw their memberships from the United Nations en masse if there is no resolution establishing a financial institution directly under the supervision of the United Nations. This institution should be charged with issuing Palestinian currency independently inside Palestine. This currency should be based on proper coverage provided by Arab and Islamic states."

-- Liberal Political Science Professor Dr. Shafiq Al-Ghabra under the title "Palestine Amidst a Crisis" wrote in moderate Arabic daily Al-Rai Al-Aam stated that (10/2):

"In this harsh interim period, the Palestinian cause is suffering one of its most difficult times. There is a vacuum that could cause the entire government to collapse and over the horizon lurk chaos and the possibility of confrontation. HAMAS and Fatah have both lost the ability to lead."

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